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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Streamlining Licensing

THE decision of the Urban Council to appoint a select committee to examine the question of centralising the issue of certain licences in the Colony should meet with general approval. The Council's intention is that the Committee should frame recommendations on this question for submission to the Governor. There are, as Mr P.C. Woo pointed out at Tuesday's Council meeting, a number of anomalies in the existing licensing machinery which require correction. There is also much licensing work still carried out by various Government departments which could now pass to the Urban Council following the expansion of its duties and the development of its authority in recent years. The present system is clumsy and unsatisfactory and has caused friction and even dispute between the issuing authorities who have on occasions differed over the fitness or eligibility of certain people to hold licences. Certainly these are comparatively isolated cases but they can be puzzling to a public not versed in the intricacies and mysteries of the modern administrative machine.

THERE are other anomalies in the present system which are worth stressing: in the case of hawk licences, for instance, the Urban Council has developed a satisfactory system to cope with this problem. But the cigarette and tobacco hawk is a special case. He must make application to the Revenue Department—not because hawkers have to pay duty on these goods (since that is paid by the wholesaler)—but simply because no attempt has been made to redistribute the licensing powers to conform with the various administrative and executive changes that have taken place in recent years. While it is true, however, that the licensing powers of the Urban Council do lag behind its statutory duties, there are certain categories which are clearly right outside its scope and which should be left in the hands of the present administrators. Liquor licensing should remain the special care of the Licensing Board, for instance.

THE motive behind centralising these powers should be no more than to streamline the present procedure. If bureaucracy is a necessary evil in present-day society, at least let it be efficient, and as compact as possible. It would be rather too cynical to regard the Reform Club motion as a sly attempt to widen the power, scope and authority of the Council, even allowing for the fact that it is their declared intention to see the Council established one day at the Colony's municipal council. That motive may in fact exist but it is absurd to oppose this sensible suggestion simply because there may be political designs involved. There is certainly a good case for this proposed centralisation.

EUROPE JUBILANT OVER U.K. OFFER

New Hopes Of Agreement At London Talks

AFTER EDEN'S STATEMENT A MOMENT OF EMOTION

London, Sept. 29. The Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak said that at today's nine-nation meeting "a moment of intense emotion followed Mr Eden's declaration."

The first to thank Mr Eden was M. Pierre Mendes-France.

M. Spaak said tonight that Britain had agreed on the step "which France has been longing for during half a century."

He said the British decision to station troops on a permanent basis in Europe under an enlarged and revised Brussels treaty was "a formidable development which would ensure the full success of the London conference and a fresh start on the road towards a united Europe."

"Britain should be thanked for Mr Eden's historical statement," he said.

Historical Act

Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, described the British offer as an "historical act" and the "decisive event" of the nine-power conference.

This was the first time in its history that Britain was now proposing to tie itself irrevocably to the Continent for a long period of time.

Dr Adenauer said he believed Mr Eden's statement would now make it possible for France to give up her doubts about the incorporation of Western Germany in the European defence front.

Referring to the proposed armament control agency, Dr Adenauer said he hoped the proposal would be accepted by the British.

M. Joseph Bech, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, said: "I am rejoicing with all good Europeans about the British decision. It is a great and immense step forward on the road towards European unity."

Dr J. W. Beyen, the Dutch Foreign Minister, said he considered Mr Eden's statement "of enormous importance."

In his view it was "one of the most hopeful assurances that could be given for the future of Europe"—Reuter.

An Orchid From Moscow For...

Dr Edith New Labour Chairman

Scarborough, Sept. 29. Dr Edith Summerskill, titan-haired British Socialist for whom Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov recently plucked a bouquet of flowers in the garden of a Moscow villa, was tonight appointed Chairman of the British Labour Party for 1954-55.

Last night, one of her appointments as a tiny parcel stamped with the Moscow postmark arrived at her Scarborough Hotel.

It contained a single orchid, which Dr Summerskill later wore at a reception given by the Mayor of Scarborough. There was no clue to the sender of the flower.

The new Party Chairman is the sister of a medical married to a practicing doctor. She was Minister of Domestic Affairs in the Labour Government and has been Minister of the Labour Party since the war.

Foreign Ministers Hail British Gesture

London, Sept. 29. Britain, in a surprise move, today gave the biggest possible boost to Western plans to rearm Federal Germany as part of the West's defence against Communism, and cleared the path to agreement on European defence measures.

To meet French fears of a German military revival—the reason why France turned down the European Army plan—Britain offered to keep four army divisions and a tactical air force on the European continent for the next 44 years.

The French Prime Minister, M. Pierre Mendes-France, immediately hailed the offer as "fulfilling our highest hopes on this vital point" and West Germany's Dr Konrad Adenauer called it "a historic act."

The pledge—involving the biggest peace-time commitment Britain has ever made—was given by the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, at the third session of the nine-nation conference now seeking a new plan to replace E.D.C.

But he made it conditional on the success of the conference in reaching agreement on the way in which German rearmament is brought about.

Dr Adenauer thanked Mr Eden for his offer "on behalf of the whole German people."

A British spokesman said after the meeting that delegates had spoken "for the first time" of transforming the prospects of the conference.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the American State Secretary, said he hoped the United States would be able to renew the pledge of support it gave to Europe last April. This pledge, to keep troops in Europe while the Communists threat existed, lapsed with the death of E.D.C.

NO WITHDRAWAL

Mr Eden told the conference that Britain would not withdraw any of her present forces from the Continent "against the wishes of a majority of the Brussels Treaty Powers" who should be guided by the Atlantic Pact commander in Europe.

The conference has already agreed that West Germany and Italy should join Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg in the 50-year Brussels Pact of 1948.

The Brussels Treaty commits all the powers automatically to go to war in support of any member subject to attack.

Dr Adenauer made a solemn declaration to the conference that West Germany would not use violence to achieve its aspirations. Conference officials reporting this said the guarantee in the Brussels Pact would be withdrawn from Germany if this pledge were broken.

Mr Eden said the undertaking was also subject to the understanding that "an explicit agreement" would be reached to withdraw troops without this consultation.

He said if the task of keeping the forces proved too heavy a financial strain, Britain would invite the Atlantic Pact Council to review the arrangements under which troops are maintained on the Continent at present.

If the London conference failed Britain would not be bound by this offer, Mr Eden said.

Mr Eden described the step as "a very formidable one" for Britain to take which he and his Cabinet colleagues had not taken without "considerable reflection."

BRITISH PROVISOS

could be produced there under strict supervision by the Brussels Treaty group—Reuter.

(For full reports of Speeches, see P. 3)

NEXT MEETING

The "Big Three" Western Foreign Ministers and Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, will meet again tomorrow (1700 GMT) to continue their discussion of the restoration of West German sovereignty, a British Foreign Office spokesman announced tonight.

The spokesman said the four-power committee of experts, appointed by the four Ministers yesterday, to study arrangements for ending the occupation of West Germany was making progress. It would be able to report to the Ministers tomorrow and would ask for further guidance.

The full nine-power conference will meet at 1000 and 1430 GMT tomorrow.

The nine-power conference today set up another experts committee to study certain aspects of the entry of West Germany and Italy into the Brussels Treaty Organisation, the spokesman said. This committee will report tomorrow morning—Reuter.

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED

An authoritative source said tonight the conference had agreed in principle to the French proposal that upper limits for forces and armaments of each country should be determined by the enlarged Brussels Treaty Organisation and not by NATO.

NATO now fixes the minimum defence contributions of member nations.

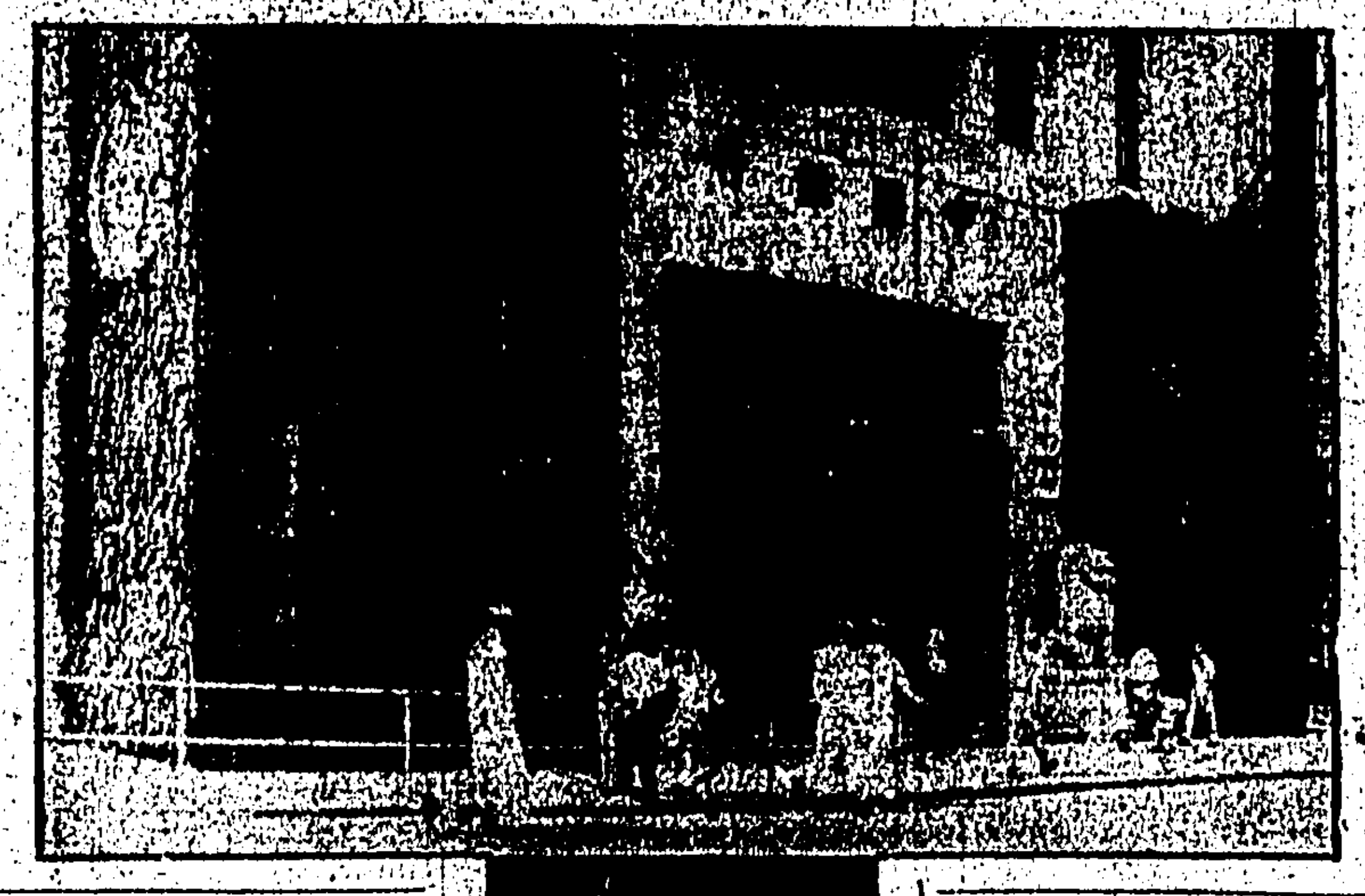
M. Spaak proposed that the duration of the 50-year Brussels Treaty and the 20-year Atlantic Pact should be made uniform, the source said.

The conference will have before it tomorrow Mr Mendes-France's detailed plan in writing for pooling arms production by partners in the new defence scheme, the source said. Under the French plan arms will be produced both by factories jointly owned by partners in the scheme and by existing national factories, among which a distribution agency would share out orders.

A Belgian memorandum to be submitted by the Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, tomorrow was understood to suggest that controls and checks should be imposed only on the production of heavy arms, such as aircraft, tanks and field guns.

It proposed that the production of atomic weapons should be controlled by a separate international body.

Communist China Anniversary Decorations In HK



Death Of Former HK Professor

News has been received of the death in Aberdeen on September 24 of Emeritus Professor Robert Robertson, MA (Edin), former Professor of Economics and Political Science in the University of Hong Kong.

Professor Robertson, who retired from Hong Kong in 1951, is survived by his widow, Mrs Annie Robertson, in Aberdeen.



THE LATE PROFESSOR ROBERTSON

He had been on the staff of the Hong Kong University for many years and was interned in Stanley during the Pacific War.

He was also an unofficial J.P. and a member of the Committee of the Hong Kong Council of Social Welfare and of the European Y.M.C.A.

One of the outstanding public services Professor Robertson performed after the last war was as Arbitrator in the dispute between the Dairy Farm Co. Ltd. and their Chinese workers in the beginning of 1950. The Arbitration Tribunal was the first constituted under the terms of the Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Ordinance and completed 19 hearings.

Professor Robertson's findings formed the basis of settlement of other claims put forward by workers of many other enterprises in a period of much labour unrest.

Above: Three American seamen cast a swift glance at the decorations on the Bank of China building this morning as they hurry by. The decorations—red and gold stars, flags, peace doves, on a facade of green pine needles on the Bank of China—and other buildings in Hong Kong—are to mark the fifth anniversary of the founding of the Chinese People's Republic. The Chinese characters on the big banner on the Bank building say: "Ten thousand, Ten thousand years to the People's Republic of China!"

Man Died After Woman's Curse

Singapore, Sept. 30. A man died a few hours after an old woman cursed him at a gambling den in Singapore, a court was told yesterday.

The woman, Khe Long, prophesied on May 1, that a post-mortem would have to be performed on 20-year-old Yoo On-cheng when he died.

Before the night was out Yoo died of a stab wound in the chest allegedly inflicted by the old woman's son Yoo Toh-seng.

A post-mortem on the dead man was conducted a few hours later—United Press.

Grave Warning On Soviet H-Bomb Power

Washington, Sept. 29. The Soviet Union will have enough hydrogen weapons and bombers by 1958 to destroy all major American cities and industry, according to Mr Thomas K. Finletter, former Secretary of Air.

In a book called "Power and Policy" to be published tomorrow, Mr Finletter suggested that the United States must have even greater air atomic power than the Soviet Union to convince her that utter destruction will result if she makes war.

Meanwhile, Mr Finletter said the United States should strive for an enforced atomic disarmament plan. America's failure to put forward such a plan "is a very bad failure before world opinion in the cold war."

"It is entirely clear... that we have no intention of agreeing to an unenforceable plan to any giving up of weapons by us in reliance upon bare promises by the Russians or anyone else," he added—Reuter.

13 Killed In Bus Smash

Maastricht, Holland, Sept. 28. Thirteen people were killed and 17 were injured when a Belgian bus carrying pensioned miners on a family outing, added on a hill and crashed into a stone monument in the township of Valkenburg near here today—Reuter.

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Aggression From Outer Space? Flying Saucer 'Creature' Stuns Man With Green Ray

Lyon, Sept. 29. A young farmer insisted today he was actually touched by a "burbling" creature in a space suit, who paralysed him momentarily with a green ray and made off in a flying saucer in a trail of sparks.

The farmer, 28-year-old Yves David of Chateaufort, said a creature dressed up like "a sort of diver," came up to him on a lonely road, carried his arm and hurled unintelligible noises at him.

Then the creature went off towards his "saucer" which Mr Yves said he could not describe.

A green ray was directed at the farmer temporarily paralysing him while the machine shot off silently into the sky.

Mr David said he was not hurt and was not shaken by the experience.

He said he was not alone at the time and that his wife and two children were with him.

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M-G-M's top personnel in the Near and Far East will convene in Tokyo October 18th to 23rd for the first sales conference in that area in the company's history.

Announcement of plans for the conference was made in New York by Seymour Mayer, regional director of the Near and Far East for Loew's International, who will fly to Tokyo on October 11th. The conference will be known as "M-G-M's PEP Sales Conference," PEP standing for "Perspective Exhibitor Plan," the new merchandising policy for its new season's product that was recently instituted by M-G-M on a global scale.

From this colony, the M-G-M delegate will be K. Y. Pan. He expects to depart October 17th, 1954 via P.A.A.

In Tokyo, Mr. K. Y. Pan will join his M-G-M colleagues from Singapore, Formosa, Egypt, Lebanon, French Indo-China, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, the Philippine Islands and Thailand at the six-day gathering.

The opening function will be a cocktail reception on Monday, October 18th, with M-G-M Japan as hostesses and the American Ambassador and top Japanese officials and exhibitors as guests.

Morning and afternoon business sessions will follow throughout the week. Screenings of the biggest new pictures that M-G-M will offer this year will be arranged, among them "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," "Beau Brummell" and "Drigoodon." Sales policy and publicity plans will be discussed.

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Secret Police Chief Believes
Field And Wife
Are Now Dead

Washington, Sept. 29.

Josef Swiatlo, former secret police leader in Poland, said today he believed Noel and Herta Field, two Americans long missing behind the Iron Curtain, were dead.

Mr. Field, a former State Department employee, and his wife were held by Hungarian authorities in 1949, Mr. Swiatlo has told American officials. He said he interviewed them in that year.

Swiatlo said through an intermediary today that when he returned to Hungary a year or so later and again asked to be allowed to interview the Fields the request was refused.

The whole tone of the conversation he had with the Hungarian authorities "led to the belief that Noel and Herta Field were dead," he said.

Mr. Hermann Field, a third member of the family involved in a series of disappearances in 1949, was held in prison in Poland as recently as about ten months ago, Swiatlo said he had no reason to doubt that Hermann is still alive.

Swiatlo, who had been under security guard since he fled to the West in Berlin last December, was brought into the open yesterday.

At the same time, the Government disclosed his story of the fate of the Fields—a mystery for five years.

The State Department announced that notes had been sent to Hungary demanding the release of Noel and Herta and to Poland demanding the release of Hermann. A Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, said it was assumed by the State Department that all three were still alive and in prison.

The Fields were seized by secret police according to Swiatlo, who said he personally arrested Hermann because Hungarian authorities believed them to be

involved in some sort of espionage or conspiracy against the Communist Government.

CLOSER TO FREEDOM
State Department officials said that if still alive, the Fields were probably closer to freedom today than they had been since they were captured.

The Department's experience had been that when Communist Governments were furnished with proof that the United States knew what it was talking about in asking for the release of someone, denials ended and the case would be discussed.—Reuter.

Australian Troops
Ready For
Jungle Warfare

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 29.

Australian troops will be ready for a jungle war when and where they may have to fight in future.

The man who made this statement and who is seeing to it that Australian soldiers get the latest jungle war technique is Colonel M. F. Brogan, Australian Director of military training who is now observing anti-terrorist operations in Malaya.

Colonel Brogan said that the Australian Army would soon adopt Malaya-type jungle kit among its equipment and Australian soldiers would also be trained in jungle warfare tactics developed in Malaya "since there is no telling when and where we may have to fight in future."

Colonel Brogan said that the type of operations now being employed in Malaya was much the same as those used in New Guinea during the war "but we may have to revise our training which is now based largely on British Army methods at home."

TREE-JUMPING
Colonel Brogan showed keen interest in the use of helicopters and paratroops in deep jungle, the tree-jumping technique developed jointly by the Royal Air Force and the Special Air Service (Paratroop Regiment) and types of weapons

and communication gear suitable for the humid depths of Malaya's swarming jungle.

During his brief visit Colonel Brogan also conferred with the Director of Operations, General G. K. Bourne, and will continue his talks with Service chiefs in Singapore before he leaves for Australia.

Colonel Brogan is the second Australian officer to visit Malaya this season. Earlier, Lieut. Colonel Warde of the Royal Australian Infantry had been studying jungle training methods for two months.

Besides bringing Malayan jungle warfare techniques back to Australia, Colonel Brogan said, Australia would continue to send her Army "students" to the Far East Land Forces School at Kota Tinggi in Johore State.—United Press.

Isobel Marcelle, the baby daughter of Jimmy Goldsmith, whose runaway marriage with Bolivian tin heiress Isabel Patisne made world headlines in January this year. The baby was born on May 15, while her 18-year-old mother lay on her death bed in a Paris clinic unconscious from a brain haemorrhage.—Express photo

Anglo-Japanese
Talks May
End Today

London, Sept. 29.

The three-week-old Anglo-Japanese sterling payments talks here are expected to conclude tomorrow, an authoritative source said today.

British and Japanese officials have since September 7 been making a statistical review of their governments' sterling payment under the one-year agreement of January 29, 1954.

The source said that Britain and Japan were expected to prolong the agreement by another three months.

The officials have examined prospects of Japan's trade with the sterling area, of which Britain is the banker, during the last quarter of this year.

Mr. Takao Oda, new Minister in London, is leading the Japanese delegation to the talks with the British Treasury Board of Trade and the Bank of England officials.—Reuter.

U.S. Aid For
Honduras
Flood Victims

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Sept. 29.

U.S. naval craft, helicopters, small boats, life rafts and medical equipment were being rushed to this flood-stricken Central American Republic today in response to urgent appeals for emergency aid.

Heavy rains in the interior threatened the northern coastal areas with new disaster in the wake of floods which already have reached record proportions and have claimed at least two lives, probably many more.

The floods were caused by a severe tropical storm.

EMBASSY APPEAL

American aid was being rushed here from U.S. bases at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba and the Panama Canal Zone in response to an appeal from the American Embassy at Tegucigalpa.

Hardest hit of the many towns and villages in the path of the floods were La Lima and San Pedro Sula. The storm also hit neighbouring British Honduras, where 40-mile winds drove the 80-ton fishing vessel, Polo, C ashore and wrecked it on the rocks of Belize Harbour.

Appeals were made this afternoon for water purification units as a precaution against epidemics in areas where water systems have been swamped by the floods.

Two Army helicopters and an Air Force C-54 were among the equipment en route here from Panama.—United Press.

Nato Strength
IncreasingNew York, Sept. 29.
General Alfred M. Gruenther, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Commander, said today that NATO's strength was increasing but that "the integration of Germany into NATO would be helpful."

General Gruenther flew here from Paris for a brief visit to the United States. He will address the National Security Industrial Association tonight in New York and will fly to St. Paul, Minnesota, on Friday to receive an honorary degree at the College of St. Thomas.

General Gruenther said NATO's progress in the past year has been "marked."
"I've just finished negotiating in Geneva," he said, "the future of NATO. I'm very satisfied with the results."EGYPTIAN
EXPLAINS

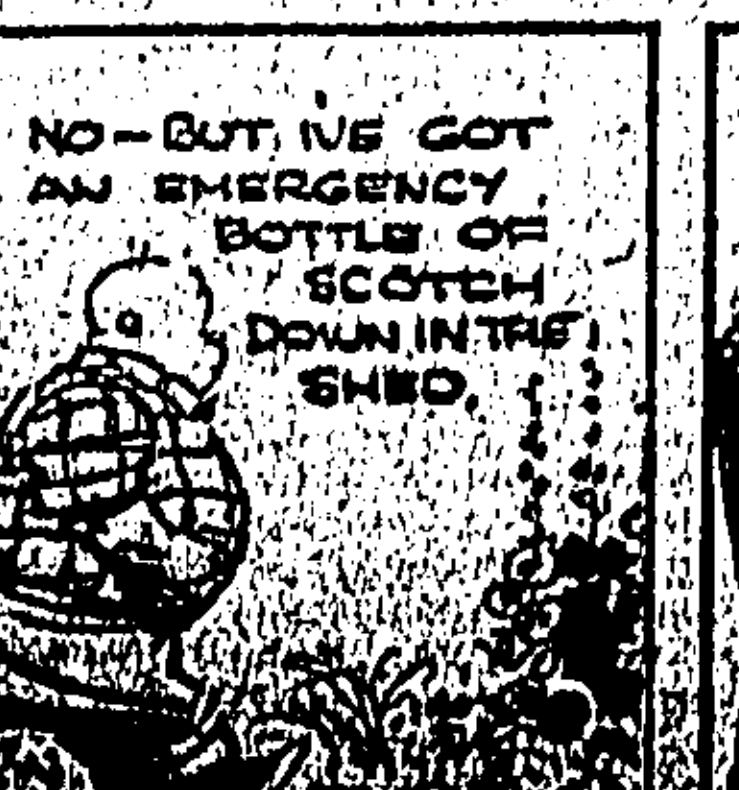
London, Sept. 29.

The Egyptian Ambassador in London, Abdul Halik, called on British Under-Secretary for State, Mr. Arthur Dods-Parker, this afternoon to explain the Egyptian action in seizing the Israeli freighter Bat Galim, well-informed Egyptian sources said.

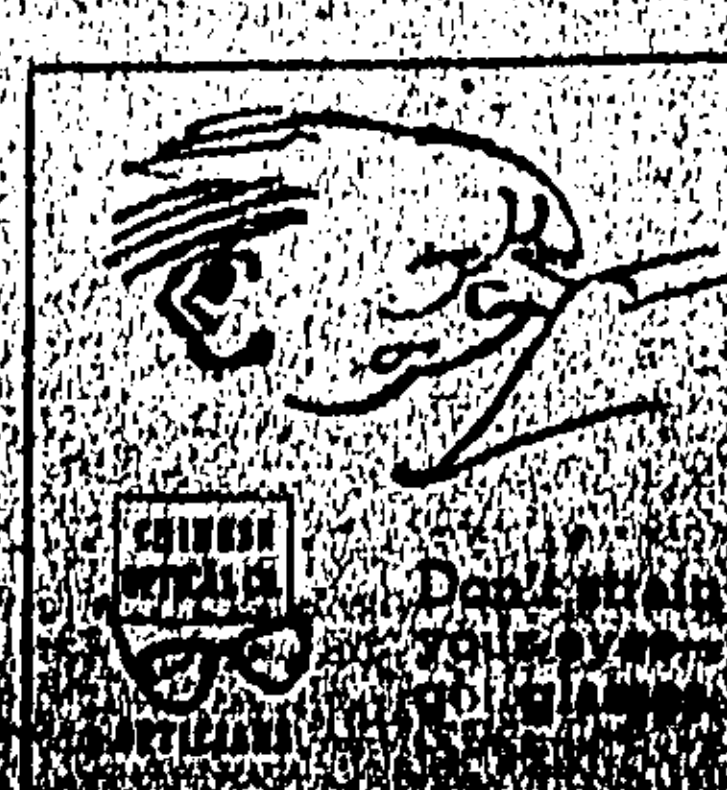
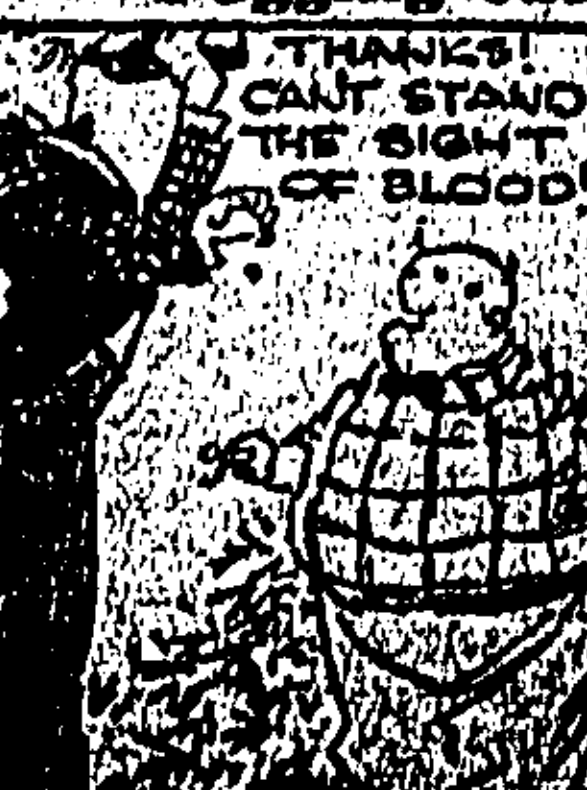
These sources said that the visit which lasted an hour, was aimed at calling the attention of the British Government to what was described as "Israeli provocation."

These same sources also said that the Egyptian Ambassador had called on Mr. Dods-Parker to inform him that the Egyptian Government also had instructed its U.N. delegation to bring the subject before the Security Council and the General Assembly.—France-Press.

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RENEW PLEDGE

U.S. Commitments For The Defence Of European Continent

London, Sept. 29.

Mr Dulles, United States Secretary of State, told the nine-power conference he was hopeful that the results of the present meeting would make possible a renewal of the American pledge regarding commitments in Europe.

(The United States had previously agreed to certain commitments if the European Defence Community treaty was ratified).

He said he greatly hoped the new organisation now being studied would enable him to recommend to President Eisenhower how far he could commit the American Government.

Mr Dulles reminded the Ministers that under the American constitution, the President had sole discretion on the use of American troops and that no president could bind his successor.

Mr Dulles told the Ministers that American policy was "to respond to the political climate of Europe."

If Europe was moving in the direction of unity, the tendency of the American Government was to do more for Europe than if Europe were not moving in this direction.

"In all frankness, it would not be possible today for the United States Government to renew the commitment made last spring with regard to the EDC," Mr Dulles said.

Mr Dulles concluded that for this reason he hoped sincerely that the cause of European unification would be advanced at the present conference.

UNDERSTOOD

The only Minister to comment on Mr Dulles' statement at the conference was the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Eden, who said he fully understood the American attitude and he was sure his colleagues did so too.

Mr Dulles, referring to the United States declaration on EDC last spring, said:

"The declaration which we felt able to make in support of the European Defence Community was on the assumption that there was a permanent act which would tie together organically the countries of Europe which in the past have been separate and among whom war has been bred."

"We felt that it tied them together so permanently, so organically that we could regard that old chapter as a closed chapter and could hopefully commit our strength to Europe in the confidence that our soldiers over here in Europe would be in a structure which was safe and sound, that we

were not putting our troops in the midst of what has historically been the world's worst fire hazard."

NOT LIGHTLY MADE

"Now a commitment of that character is not lightly made and I would say in all frankness that as the situation stands today it would not be possible for the President of the United States to renew that commitment."

"There has been a great wave of disillusionment which has swept over the United States and it is particularly manifest in the Congress."

"That conclusion is so disastrous in my opinion both for the nations of Europe and for the United States that I hope most ardently that what is done here will make it possible to come to a different conclusion, and that it will change the atmosphere, the feeling in the United States to a degree which will permit of a renewal of the pledge by the United States to maintain in Europe such elements of its armed forces as may be necessary or appropriate to contribute our fair share of what is needed for the common defence of this North Atlantic area while the threat to that area exists. I cannot say at this moment that a renewal of that commitment is possible. I can say and must repeat that as things stand today it is not possible."

NEW PATTERN

"But if out of the elements of the situation with which we are dealing, if using the Brussels treaty as a nucleus, it is possible to find this new pattern, a continuing hope of unity among the countries of Europe that are represented here, and if the hopes that were tied into the European Defence Community treaty can reasonably be transferred into the arrangements which will be the outgrowth of this meeting, then I would certainly be disposed to recommend to the President that he should renew a pledge comparable to that which was offered in connection with the European Defence Community treaty."

"Obviously the context of the pledge would have to be changed, because in the form which was given it related distinctively to the European Defence Community Treaty. Just what rephrasing would be required to give it the 'new look' that would be appropriate to the new situation, that is a matter which I have not studied, and which could not usefully be studied until we know whether or not a promise of genuine and durable unity will come out of the deliberations of this gathering and those which may succeed it."—Reuter.

Britain's decision to maintain four divisions and a tactical air force in Europe is the biggest commitment she has ever pledged to Continental Europe and far exceeds that she undertook to support the European army project, observers said.

FORMIDABLE ONE

Mr Eden said the undertaking, which he described as "a very formidable one," depended on the successful outcome of the present conference.

If the conference failed, Britain would not regard herself as committed to the pledge to the conference, Mr Eden said.

Mr Eden in his statement said Britain would continue to maintain on the mainland of Europe, including Germany, the effective strength of the British forces now assigned to the Supreme Allied Command in Europe.

Mr Eden said these troops would not be withdrawn against the wishes of the majority of the Brussels treaty powers who should take their decision in the knowledge of the Supreme Allied Commander's view.

IN EMERGENCY

Mr Eden said his undertaking would be subject to the understanding that an acute overseas emergency might oblige the British Government to omit this procedure.

If the maintenance of the United Kingdom forces on the mainland of Europe threw at any time too heavy a strain on British external finances, Britain would invite the NATO council to review the financial conditions on which the formations were maintained.

Mr Eden, according to an official statement later, told the conference after Mr Dulles' statement: "I think we all feel that we have just listened to a statement from the United States Secretary of State of very rare quality and much valued frankness. What he has said to us, those of us who are Europeans, is, I think, all that in present conditions we could possibly expect from the United States."

"As we survey these post-war years, I fear, too readily at times take for granted what this generous brother has done for us in Europe at a time when but for his help all must have collapsed in confusion and, perhaps, in Communism too."

"On behalf of the country I represent here, I would like to assure him that what the United States has done are not 'all good deeds past, forgotten as soon as done'—but will be remembered with thankfulness, and not for our own sakes alone."

"So I would like to tell Mr Foster Dulles that the words he had said, so far as our Government is concerned, will be examined with gratitude and with understanding. And that we shall do our best to believe this conference will do its best—to prove worthy of that greater confidence that the United States will show as we establish our ability to prove our unity and our strength."

Mr Eden recalled that Britain, like the United States, must give a series of undertakings to the EDC.

"We gave them by treaty, we gave them by agreement, and as I have already informed my colleagues, we stand by those undertakings, and we are ready to reaffirm them," he said.

"They are not, I think, unimportant but some of them are, it is true, impossible in the present circumstances. Some of them have, as a result of the disappearance of EDC, now disappeared, may, and probably will be covered by the proposals which this conference is now considering."

The provision of automatic military assistance for instance, which was contained in our treaty with EDC will be produced. I trust, by the proposed enlargement of the Brussels treaty, co-operation between the armed forces; consultation about the level of forces, will all now take place, though perhaps within a different framework."

DEFENDS ON WORK

"Of course, you will understand that the undertakings we are prepared to give, does depend on the outcome of our work," said Mr Eden.

"If we succeed here, then this undertaking stands. If we do not, then the Government could not regard itself as committed to what I have said this afternoon. That applies to the whole of our work, all the work that we are doing here."

"So I can only conclude, by saying I hope the conference will produce that what we have said will be a contribution to bring us at least a stage nearer the successful conclusion of our common work."



Gloria Swanson, the American film star, gives an impersonation of one of her friends at a party in Venice. Note the wine glass on her head.—Central Press Photo.

TOGLIATTI WILL LEAD ATTACK ON SCALBA GOVT

Rome, Sept. 29.

Italy's Moscow-trained Communist boss took the lead today in the left-right pincers attack on Premier Mario Scelba's Government over the "scandal" death of Wilma Montesi.

Red chieftain Palmiro Togliatti was scheduled to blast the middle-road Scelba regime when the Chamber of Deputies renews its scandal debate.

Tough Togliatti was expected to charge that Scelba, his Government, the Police he used to command, and his political party was to blame for bungling investigations into the death of pretty, plumpish Wilma, a party girl.

The scandal resulted in the resignations of a Foreign Minister, and a Police chief and a top-spy view of high and low society caught with their alibis down.

Togliatti, who for this occasion has joined forces with

city from where the Deputies are debating the moral, social and political aspects of the explosive case.

As the debating appeared to wear thin, with most every-thing said that could be said; new arrests were expected.

Already in goal is Piero Piccioni, son of Italy's resigned Foreign Minister, on suspicion of aggravated manslaughter involving drugs.

Behind goal bars as an accomplice is a self-styled "Marquis" Ugo Montagna, whose alleged friendship with Government big-wigs has provided the much-racked Communist press with ammunition of the sort Togliatti is expected to use skillfully tomorrow.—United Press.



PALMIRO TOGLIATTI

Right-wing 'Neo-Fascists and Monarchists, winds up the drive of the left and extreme right to unseat Scelba in a vote of confidence expected possibly tomorrow.

SCALBA VICTORY

A similar drive in the Senate ended last Saturday with a 114 to 87 victory for the Red-baiting Scelba.

He also was expected to carry the Chamber, despite the solid opposition and some possible splits within his small centre party.

These, however, would be small and not affect the final voting which Government circles predicted would be around 303 votes to 273—or a 25-vote margin.

Meanwhile, investigations continued into the mystery death of Wilma Montesi, whose half-nude body was found on a beach north of Rome on April 11, 1953.

INVESTIGATIONS

The investigations were carried on largely within the Ministry of Justice, but the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of the Navy also were involved.

BURMA TO STAY OUT OF SEATO PACT

Tokyo, Sept. 29.

Burmese Minister of Industry U Kyaw Nyein said today that Burma does not want to join SEATO because she hopes to stay neutral in the cold war, but added that Burmese foreign policy is strongly influenced by her proximity to Communist China.

"Burma," Nyein said, "does not want to join any bloc" in spite of strong pressure from the Communists as well as the West.

"What Finland is to Russia, Burma is to Communist China," he said.

However, he explained, Socialists Burma is almost surrounded by members of the British Commonwealth and tied to them by trade and culture.

WAR INFANTS

Nyein, also a leading member of Burma's ruling Socialist Party, said that the foreign policy of any country is a reflection of domestic policy. He said newly independent countries like Burma, India and Indonesia were born in the wreckage of World War II, and like infants, needed to strengthen themselves.

Nyein, however, tonight for Rangoon after negotiating and initialling a war reparations agreement by which Japan will pay Burma a total of \$250,000,000. The treaty will take effect upon ratification and payments are to be completed during a 10-year period. A sum of \$200,000,000 is to be paid by Japan in goods and services and \$50,000,000 for joint Japan-Burma investments. Nyein said that \$20,000,000 of the latter amount would be a loan by the Japanese Government to Burma to finance the import of Japanese goods.

NO TROUBLE

Nyein said that there should be no trouble involved in completing ratification the next time the Burmese Parliament meets in February.

"I personally don't see any difficulty," he said. Nyein was asked about reported adverse reaction in Burma to the reparations terms. He replied, "Some people will always be against anything. You have to convince the man in the street and the political opposition."

He said the Japanese Foreign Minister, Katsuo Okazaki, has a

"pending invitation" to go to Rangoon for the formal signing as soon as ratification was completed.

JAP TECHNICIANS

Nyein said that Burma would use Japanese technicians in Burma as part of the reparations agreement, "but not too many. A small country is always afraid of being swallowed up." He said he could not explain why Japanese-Philippine reparations talks are so far unsuccessful. He said negotiations between Japan and Burma were completely sincere. "It is a question of love getting love," he said. Nyein said the biggest difficulty in the way of a peace treaty between Burma and Japan is over.

Asked whether the treaty would be patterned on the San Francisco peace treaty or the Japanese-Indian bilateral agreement, he said, "Words don't mean anything between lovers" when there is understanding.

He said a "suitable model" for the treaty would be used.—United Press.

U.S. City To Pay Old British Debt

Pelham, New York, Sept. 29.

A high British official will attend the City of Pelham's 300th anniversary celebrations on October 15—to accept 20 shillings rent which the city has just discovered it had owed to Britain ever since 1687.

The debt was discovered when a reporter, browsing through a local history, found an entry dated October 25, 1687, and saying: "Thomas Dongan, Captain General, Governor-in-Chief, and over the Province of New York, under his Most Sacred Majesty James the Second, grants unto John Pell, his heirs and assigns... all the before mentioned land (now Pelham) New Rochelle, and part of the Bronx) of a perpetual yearly rent of 20 shillings."

Mr Gordon Miller, Town Supervisor, admits that as the town's chief administrator, it is his duty to pay the debt. He said the City of Pelham has been paying the debt since 1911, but has not been collecting it since 1911.

The Council said Mr Randall would call for the rent himself, unless he was prevented by preparations for the visit to the United States of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, in which case a high civil servant would attend.—China Mail Special.

NEW LORD MAYOR OF LONDON

London, Sept. 29.

A wealthy stockbroker, Alderman H. W. Seymour Howard, was elected new Lord Mayor of London in the City Corporation's annual Guildhall election today. Mr Seymour Howard, 60, is a past master of the Gardeners Company and senior partner in the stockbroking firm of Charles Stanley and Company.—Reuter.

Nautical Parrot

Wellington, N.Z., Sept. 29. A new parrot suited to the conditions of the Wellington Zoo, by announcing its arrival with a colorful flow of most nautical language.

The bird was immediately named "Nautical" and was sent inland to keep company with a bunch of nautical men.

"They might be flock of a bird but their outlook on life is a very different one," an official said. "They keep the parrot in the place by their nautical language and their nautical language is very good."

A parrot named Nautical was sent to the Wellington Zoo to keep company with a bunch of nautical men. The parrot was named "Nautical" and was sent inland to keep company with a bunch of nautical men.

Bills Passed To Curb Sex Laxity

Wellington, N.Z., Sept. 29.

Three bills designed to curb sex depravity among New Zealand's teenagers became law tonight when they passed their third reading in the House of Representatives.

The measures were introduced in Parliament after nationwide publicity was given to police disclosures of immorality among school children.

The new legislation incorporates the recommendations of a special committee which interviewed hundreds of witnesses throughout the country.

Its report, handed to the Government last week, was described as "the world's first specific appraisal of juvenile sex delinquency."

MORAL CHAOS

The report, which said there was "moral chaos" in parts of New Zealand, will be sent to every parent in the country.

The new measures will tighten controls on literature stressing sex, crime and horror, make it illegal for adolescents to have sexual intercourse and outlaw the sale of contraceptives and instruction in their use to children under 16.

The Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland, announced yesterday that further laws to control youthful morals would be considered by a select committee of the House after the Parliament recesses this week.—Reuter.

'Souls in Conflict'

New York, Sept. 29.

A colour movie entitled "Souls in Conflict" aimed against the background of evangelist Billy Graham's appeal visit to Britain had its premiere here last night.

The film is a religious documentary the lives of an actress, a pilot and a factory worker. The roles are played by Joan Winfield, Eric Micklewood and Charles Lane.—United Press.

Roma, Sept. 29

The Italian Government today sent a formal message of condolence to the British Government on the death of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

The message said the Italian Government was deeply shocked by the death of the Queen Mother and expressed its sincere sympathy for the British people.

HITLER'S BARGE

Dumbarton, Sept. 30. A barge from Hitler's luxury yacht, the Grille, is to carry mail, cargo and passenger services between the Orkney county town of Kirkwall and the island of Shapinsay in the Orkney Islands.

The barge, waiting here for a suitable opportunity to be taken to Kirkwall, has been bought by Captain William Denison, who operates the island service.

The 37-foot-long barge is operated by a 75 horsepower former German Navy diesel engine. It has been renamed the Klydon III.—China Mail Special.

Locomotive Building Contracts Awarded

Washington, Sept. 29.

A multimillion dollar United States contract for 100 locomotives for India has been split between American, Japanese and European manufacturers, Mr Harold Stassen, director of the Foreign Operations Administration, announced today.

Questioned at a press conference about the allocation of the contract he said 50 of the locomotives would be built by the American firm of Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton in Philadelphia, 25 by the Japanese Rolling Stock Export Company, Tokyo, (which had submitted the lowest tender) and the remaining 25 would be manufactured in Europe.

India is receiving the locomotives as well as 6,000 railway wagons under the foreign aid programme.

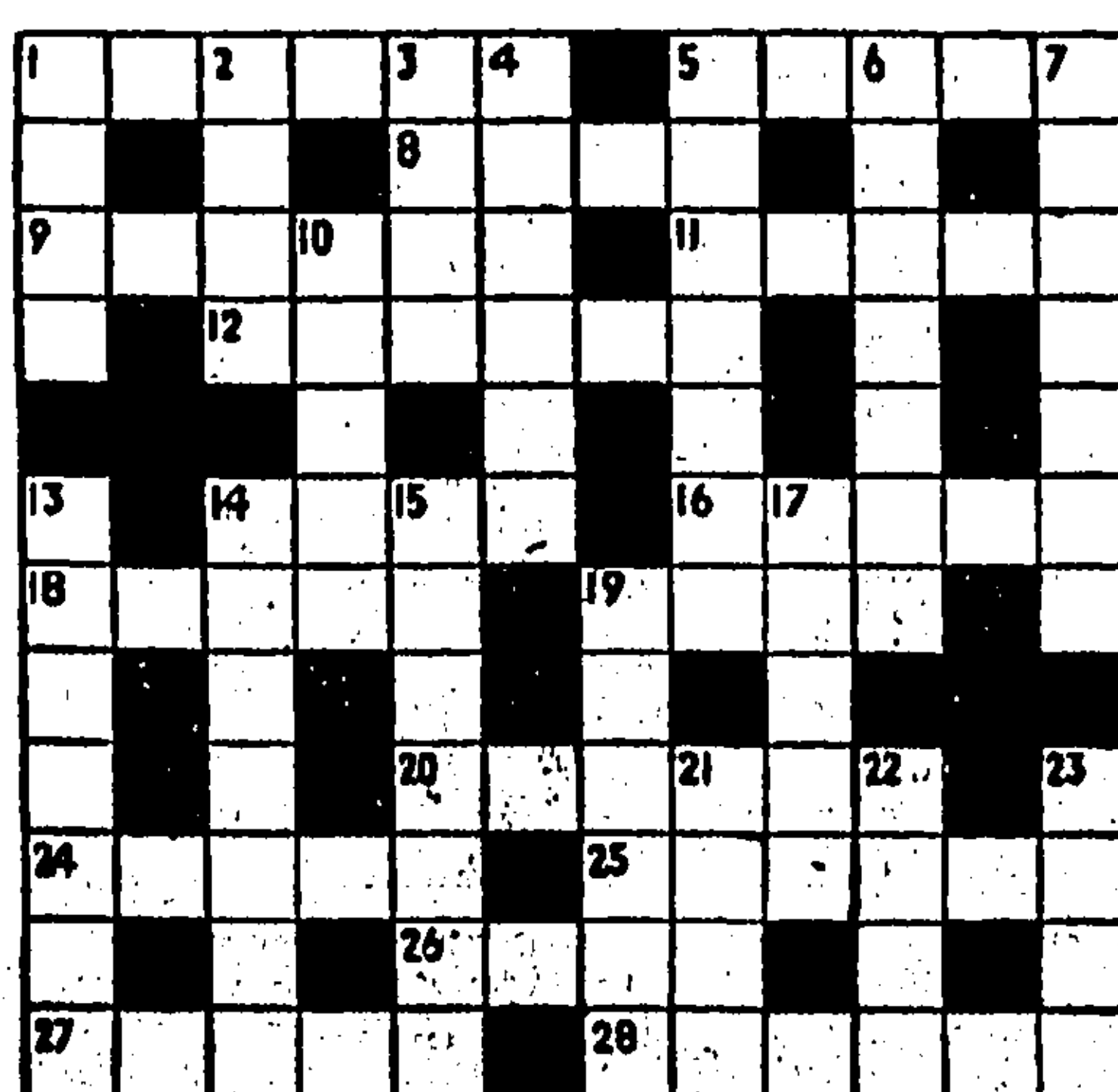
20 MILLION

The complete contract involves about 20 million dollars.

When the first announcement on contract awards was made on September 4, Mr Stassen said the Japanese firm would probably manufacture half the locomotives and the American firm the other half.

Today he said this decision had to be changed as far as the Japanese order was concerned because the Japanese manufacturers could build 25 of the locomotives within the specified time schedule. This brought European producers into the picture as India needed the equipment at an early date, he added.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 East-Indian seaman (6).
- 5 Relieves (5).
- 8 Quantity of paper (4).
- 9 Scares (6).
- 11 Ward off (5).
- 12 Give up office (6).
- 14 Slave (4).
- 16 Commerce (8).
- 18 Join (5).
- 19 Meet (5).
- 20 Offer (5).
- 24 Farewell (5).
- 26 Not so difficult (5).
- 28 Stagger (4).
- 29 Bird (5).
- 30 Venerate (10).

DOWN

- 1 Burden (4).
- 2 Mark of a wound (4).
- 3 Equips (4).
- 4 Opposes (6).
- 5 Issue from (7).
- 6 Particular (7).
- 7 Established (7).
- 10 Send (5).
- 13 Exterior part (7).
- 14 Carolling (7).
- 15 Trail (7).
- 16 Contest of speed (5).
- 17 Thin covering (6).
- 21 Valley (4).
- 22 Grain (4).
- 23 Accurate (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Burden, 4 Vow, 7 Timber, 8 Tapid, 10 Road, 12 Maiden, 15 Decey, 18 Tins, 19 Odds, 20 Lower, 21 Mariner, 24 Darts, 26 Agent, 28 Father, 29 Nasty, 30 Horrid. Down: 1 Bashful, 2 Reminder, 3 Eyar, 4 Elevated, 5 Sifter, 6 Mayor, 7 Delighted, 8 Mole, 9 Discreet, 10 Rastored, 11 Dangle, 12 Dado.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Tricky Hands Even Stump Experts

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played in a recent tournament, a club was opened at the most tables. Sometimes the West played the "top of nothing" and in some cases West opened the lowest club, adopting the principle of many leading experts that a low card should be opened from such a holding.

In a few cases, South played low from the dummy at the first trick. East signalled encouragement by playing the eight, and South was allowed to win the first trick. When South next led a spade, West played the ace at once and led another club, forcing out dummy's ace.

South now had four spades, two hearts and two clubs. He needed a diamond as his ninth trick, but he couldn't get it. As soon as declarer touched the diamonds, East put up the ace of diamonds and ran the rest of the clubs to defeat the contract.

One declarer saw this danger and concocted a very ingenious play to make his contract. He won the first trick with the ace of clubs instead of trying the

NORTH		5	
♠ K J 9 7 6			
♥ K 10 7 6			
♦ 10 4			
♣ A 5			
WEST		EAST	
♠ A 8 5		♠ 10 4 2	
♥ Q 9 3 2		♥ J 4	
♦ J 7 2		♦ A 3	
♣ 7 4 3		♣ K 9 8 2	
SOUTH (D)			
♠ Q 3			
♥ A 8 5			
♦ K Q 9 8			
♣ Q J 10			
Neither side vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 N.T.	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 N.T.	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♠ 7			

finesse. He next led the ten of diamonds from the dummy. East casually played a low diamond, naturally assuming South intended to try a finesse that was bound to lose.

South was not actually trying to finesse. He merely wanted to steal a diamond trick before developing the spades. When South put up the king of diamonds, it held the trick and he was now practically home.

Declarer switched next to the queen of spades, forcing out West's ace. A club continuation gave declarer his second trick in the suit, and he could now run four spades, two hearts, two clubs and the one diamond trick that he had stolen.

East could have defeated the contract by putting up the ace of diamonds at the second trick and returning a low club. Later on, West would have to take the first round of spades with the ace and lead his last club.

This defence simply didn't occur to East. I don't really wonder, since in my opinion it would occur to very few experts.

CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Dm. Double Redbl. 1 Heart
Pass Pass ?

You, South, hold: Spades K-J-5-2, Hearts 8-5, Diamonds A-7-3, Clubs A-Q-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid one spade. No suit is good enough for a jump bid of any description, and you cannot bid no-trump for lack of a heart stopper. Much as you would like to make a squeeze bid, therefore, a simple bid of one spade is all you can afford.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-J-5-2, Hearts 8, Diamonds A-Q-7-3, Clubs A-Q-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB BELLS



"You've got it on my wallet!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

BORN today, you are not as practical as you should be. You dream of the future and are disinclined to do much about what is happening today. You should learn to concentrate on something until the job is done before going off on some new and more exciting flight of fancy.

Your moods are fluctuating. One moment you are on the heights—the next in the lowest depth. One instant you are sure that you can conquer the world, single-handed; the next minute you are just as sure that the whole world is all coming to a sad and dreary end. Learn to analyse things a little more rather than let your imagination and emotions work on your common sense. You have very keen intuition and are at times, actually psychic. Learn to recognise this and pay attention to your "hunches".

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

LILIA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A fine day for new ideas. Make use of them at your place of business or in your profession. You can advance now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Financial matters which may need attention can be properly taken care of now. Your mind should be clear for action.

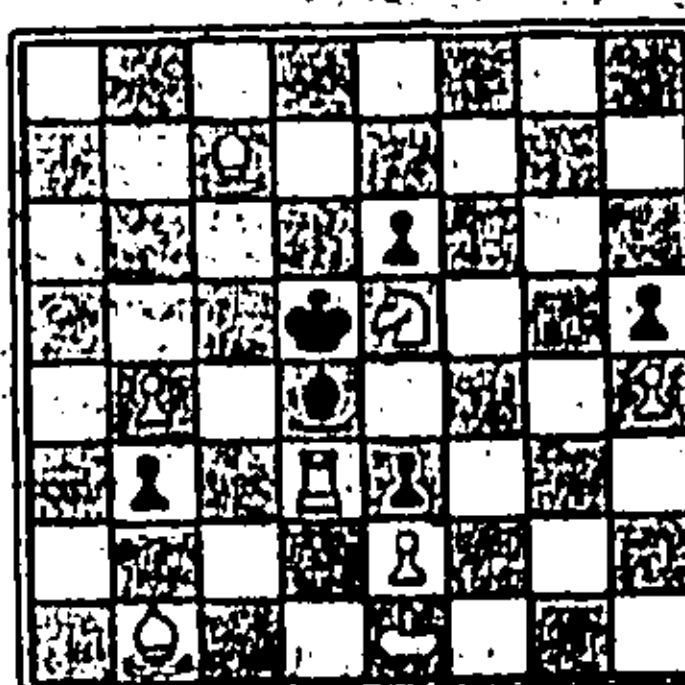
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—One of those three-star days! You can do anything you want with full realization that it will succeed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Get off to a good, early start this morning. You have a lot to do—and a good day to do it in.

CHESS PROBLEM

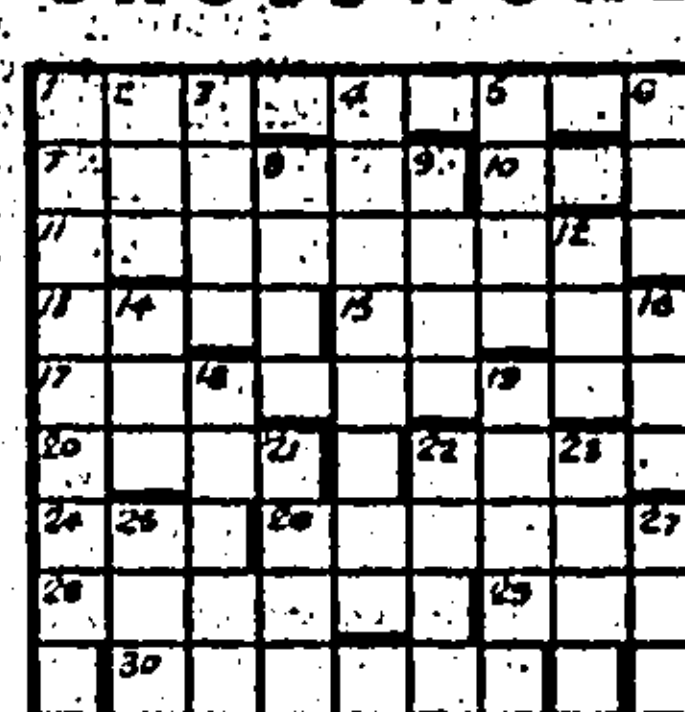
By U. LANOIA

Black, 8 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. K2-B7, any; 2. Q, or K2 mate.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Fear-free inhabitant in the 7. See returns with top inside. (6)
10. Sure! (3) that's the city at the 11. I eat later for a change. (4)
13. Good to you, (4) said a 14. Vicious little (4) said a
15. The home sounds somewhat 17. Clang! I hear the Russian port (4)
20. The musical emperor. (4) 21. Thrifty raid. (4)
24. English room architect for the 25. The thing you haven't when you're hard up. (3)
30. He's in a mess. (6)

Down
1. Men get mixed with the parent for a lasting effect. (9)
2. Light one's quite a favourite drink. (3)
3. Your name's on this? You'll go round. (4)
4. "Feed" (4) may be, but things alter. (6)
5. Buy and sell on the Street? (4)
6. Place for vision in Buddha's (4)
8. The way is shown by 9 Down. (4)
12. Fantastic sometimes. (3)
14. The beginning of metal. (8)
15. The inventor of the (4) but usually labelled a connoisseur. (4)
16. With a small credit. (5)
18. Roughly means for the 8 Down? (4)
19. With one are great forgiven. (4)
22. The care and (4) of (4)
23. A man (4) (4)
25. A damp squib, maybe. (6)

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE
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WOMANSENSE

Gold Evening Sandals



These evening sandals of gold kid trimmed with rhinestones are called "Vista" and were seen at a London Spring Show, together with this matching evening bag and compact. —Express Photo.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To remove rust from the corners of cake tins in use a long time, dip a raw potato in cleaning powder and scour.

For a tighter wrap on a package, dampen the string before use. The string shrinks as it dries.

When greasing muffin tins, be sure to wipe the excess fat from each cup. A too heavy coating of fat causes uneven rising of the muffin batter.

Cook a stick of whole cinnamon and three whole cloves with the sugar and water when making the syrup for fruit compote. The result is a mild spicy flavour for the fruit.

Save wear and tear on the heels and toes of nylon stockings by rubbing these portions with a small piece of beeswax.

Next time you're washing baby's clothes, add a few tablespoons of bicarbonate of soda to the soap-suds. The soda leaves' cottons with a fresh, clean smell because it both neutralises acids and deodorises.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Two Knights Who Fight

—Their Names Are Sir Plop and Sir Ploop—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow boy with the turned-about name, saw them standing there in the corner of the playground and he wondered who they were.

Both of them were wearing armour of big silks of armour which covered them from head to toe. Knarf couldn't even see their faces. They had long swords at their sides and they both carried sharp lances.

Horses in Armour

Next to each of the knights, for that is what they were, stood a horse. One horse was black, the other was white. Both horses wore armour, too.

The two knights stood very still as Knarf walked up to them. But Knarf was being careful. Just the same, he didn't want them to stick him with their sharp lances, or to pull out their swords and start whacking at him.

So, when he came within four or five inches of them, he stopped and said: "I'm Knarf."

"I'm Sir Plop," said the first knight. "Sir Plop of Plop's Castle."

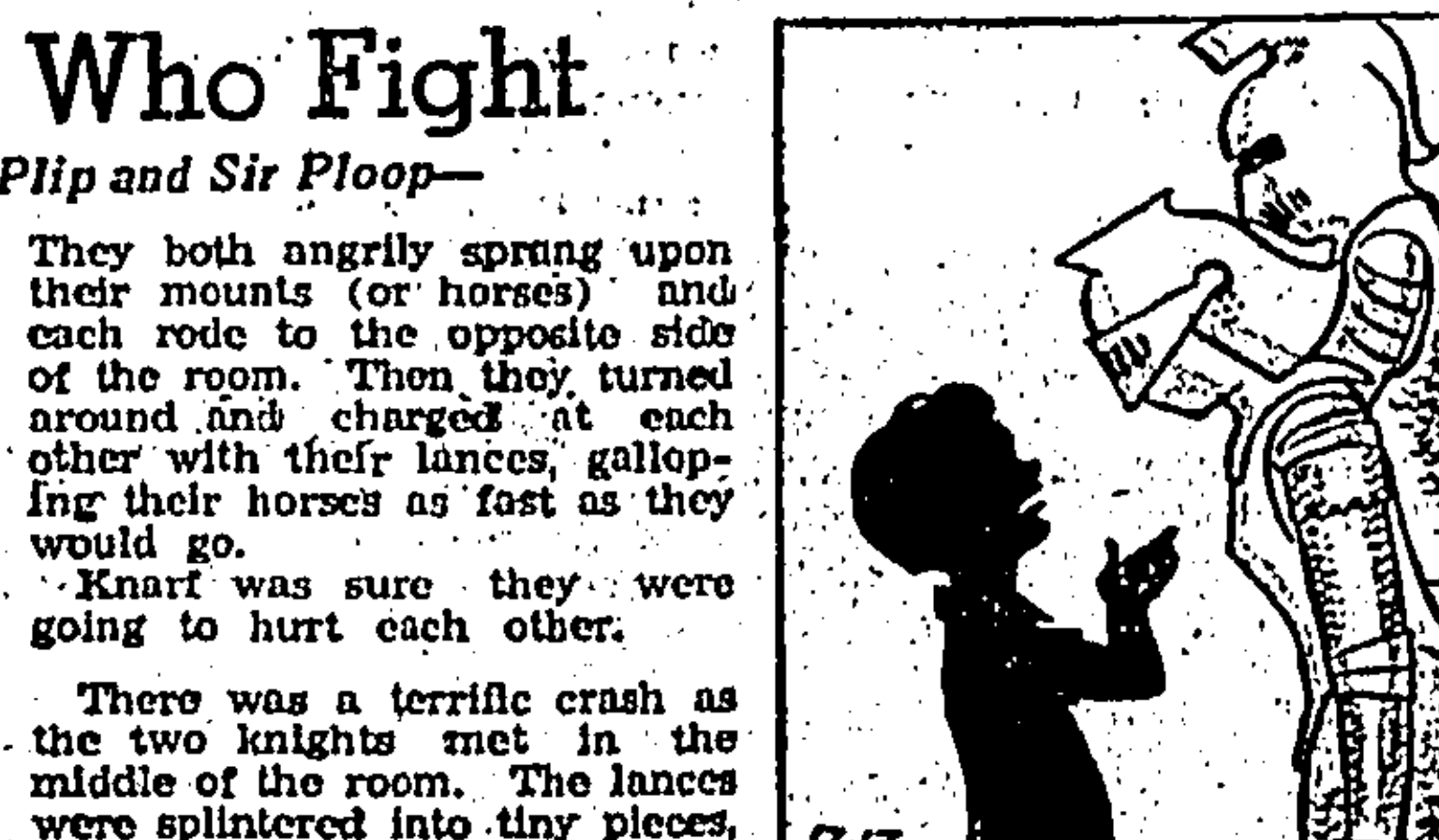
"I'm Sir Ploop," said the second knight. "Sir Ploop of Ploop's Castle. Sir Plop is my cousin but I don't like him. We fight!"

"Oh," said Knarf. "Just like Tweedledum and Tweedledee." "I never heard of Tweedledum," said Sir Plop.

"I never heard of Sir Tweedledee," said Sir Ploop.

He Drew His Sword

Here Sir Plop suddenly, and for no good reason, as far as Knarf could understand, hit Sir Ploop on the head with his lance. Sir Ploop instantly drew his sword and whacked Sir Plop across the ears with it.



Knarf introduced himself to the two knights in armour.

"Who won?" Sir Plop asked Knarf.

"One of us must have won," said Sir Ploop. "Was it me or him?"

"I don't know," Knarf said again.

"Very stupid boy," Sir Plop said to Sir Ploop.

"Foxy," said Sir Ploop to Sir Plop.

A few minutes later both knights were fast asleep, snoring loudly. Knarf was glad the fight was over. He hoped they wouldn't fight again. Then he went over and gave a carrot to each of the horses.

They Were Very Tired
It was a good thing, too, for Sir Plop and Sir Ploop were both so tired they sat on the floor, unable to move.

Rupert and Niagara—19

Rupert runs back to the other side of the hill to get his gun. He has a long way to go, but he must get it. He has a long way to go, but he must get it.

Appetising Picnic Fare Cooked On A Skewer

By ALICE DENHOFF

THE emphasis is on picnic fare, so let's be off to the country or the seashore! Bring along the metal skewers!

If no skewers are available, then use medium gauge steel wires. Cut one end obliquely to serve as a point; form a handle by bending the other end. Let the menfolk take care of that part of it! And if there are no skewers, nor medium gauge steel wires, green branches will do.

Dip skewers or substitutes in salad oil or run 'em through a garlic clove, then alternate 6 or 7 chunks of meat, vegetables or fruits. Grill, turning and brushing with barbecue sauce or melted butter.

Shish-kebab combinations include chunks of lamb, tiny onions and salami; scallops, mushrooms and dill pickle; pineapple, ham and banana; tiny tomatoes, shrimp and green pepper chunks. Any number of delicious combinations are available besides the traditional lamb most of us know.

Out-of-door cooking gives you foods as you like them—plus a generous seasoning of fresh air.

Please the pre-picknic picknicher with a hot snack to keep the criminal happy and out of the picnic jar. Run two skewers lengthwise through a big piece of salami, heat on one side of the grill, carve and serve between thin slices of buttered bread.

P.S. Pass the pickles early.

Maybe we can't all get to brown, but we can have a shore dinner on our own barbecue grill right out in the backyard. Here is a menu for the saltiest sailor at heart: barbecued fish steaks, potato-shrimp salad, carrot sticks, rolls and cherry tarts.

Slice tinned corned beef and brown well in fat in a skillet. Serve on grilled hamburger buns. Serve the hamburgers with cole slaw, sliced tomatoes, and, for the particular eaters, some tartare sauce.

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REMIINDER

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MALAYA COULD DOUBLE RUBBER OUTPUT

Kyoto, Sept. 29.

A British delegate from Malaya to the 12th International conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations, said today that three quarters of the land in Malaya was not being used and Malaya could double its output of rubber, a conference spokesman said.

The spokesman added, however, the delegate did not make any suggestions about what market increased rubber output could be directed to—nor did he make any reference to the problem of competition of United States synthetic rubber production. The spokesman expected these problems to be discussed later in the conference.

Delegates said Malaya had "very abundant" deposits of peat's clay, bauxite, iron ore and oil, the spokesman said.

Indians appeared to be losing association with their homeland, a delegate said, in spite of the fact that India wished to maintain close political and national ties with them.

Lord Chandos New Vickers Chief

London, Sept. 29.

Lord Chandos, former Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, until recently British Colonial Secretary, has been appointed Chairman of the Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Company. It is a major subsidiary of Associated Electrical Industries, big British combine of which he resumed the chairmanship last July, a month after retiring from the Government.—China Mail Special.

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RAIN-MAKING TESTS

Canberra, Sept. 29. Australia and the United States will co-operate in rain-making tests in Hawaii during the next few months, Mr. Athol Townley, Australian Air Minister, said here.

He said a Royal Australian Air Force detachment would leave for Honolulu carrying special equipment for the tests. Scientists from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation would follow in civil aircraft.

Hawaii was an "ideal natural laboratory" for study of the phenomenon of warm cloud or non-freezing rain," Mr. Townley said.

The project is being financed by the United States—China Mail Special.

Israel Takes Issue With Truce Chief

Paris, Sept. 29.

The Israeli Government today took issue with a statement by General L. M. Burns, chief of the United Nations truce observation commission, that members of the commission had the right to inspect frontier areas without the permission or an escort of the countries concerned.

A communiqué by the Israeli Foreign Ministry broadcast tonight said General Burns had "gone beyond" the powers given him by the armistice agreements and no clause of the agreement could be modified "without the consent of the countries concerned."

The communiqué said the United Nations Security Council's decision of August 10, 1949, which General Burns quoted, did not give him the right "to encroach on the sovereignty of a member state of NATO."—France-Press.

Less Bloodshed Likely In Honduras

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Sept. 29.

As the election campaign in Honduras enters its last phase, with less than a month to go before polling day on October 10, political observers here believe that the election may end in a compromise.

They see little chance of either of the three parties contesting the election winning a clear majority over the other two—in which case, they say, it seems possible that, by general consent, the present President, the 68-year-old lawyer, Juan Manuel Galvez, will continue in office.

This solution which would presumably be followed by an amendment of the constitution forbidding the immediate re-election of the retiring President, is seen here as the means of avoiding an inter-party quarrel that might develop into bloodshed.

For the battle between the parties is rather to decide which party's candidate shall become President than because they have radically differing party programmes.

THREE PARTIES

The three parties contesting the elections are: the Nationalist Party which is at present in power; the Nationalist Reformist Movement, formed of dissidents from the Nationalist party; and the Liberal party.

The National party's candidate for the Presidency is General Tiburcio Carías Andino who ruled the country as a dictator for 16 years until he voluntarily ceded power and personally chose as his successor the Minister for War, the present Head of the State, President Galvez, who was elected "unopposed" in 1949.

General Carías Andino is making new pre-election promises. When in office before, he destroyed the roots of civil war by giving employment to, or discrediting, the small "caudillo" (leaders) who were continually threatening the peace and restored law and order.

NATIONALIST

The Presidential candidate of the Nationalist Reformist Movement is General Abraham Williams, a 59-year-old engineer.

The Liberals, whose past administrations have been marked by internal disorders, and economic chaos, are advocating a new Constitution and a general amendment of the laws, which they consider out-of-date. They favour maintenance of the principles of republican, democratic and representative rule, freedom of political and labour organisation, the affirmation of the rights of men as proclaimed in the United Nations Charter, recognition of the rights of all workers to their own homes, their own plot of land, social security and protection for the family, equality of the sexes, the right of workers to organise in trade unions, and the creation of a civil service.

Their candidate for the Presidency is 46-year-old Dr. Ramon Villeda Morales.—China Mail Special.

Nepal Renews Application For U.N. Membership

United Nations, Sept. 29.

Nepal, the Hindu-majority buffer state between India and Red-controlled Tibet, today renewed its five-year-old application for membership in the United Nations.

Nepalese Foreign Minister, Dr. B. Ramani, in a letter to the Secretary-General, recalled that the Soviet Union had vetoed Nepal's application in 1949, because the Soviets wanted the simultaneous admission of several Communist States.

INDEPENDENT

"Nepal, though small, is an independent and sovereign country and does not wish to be any part of any other country," he said. "Nepal's foreign policy is based on the principle of non-alignment and she is able and willing to fulfil the obligations laid down in the Charter by working towards the goal of world peace."

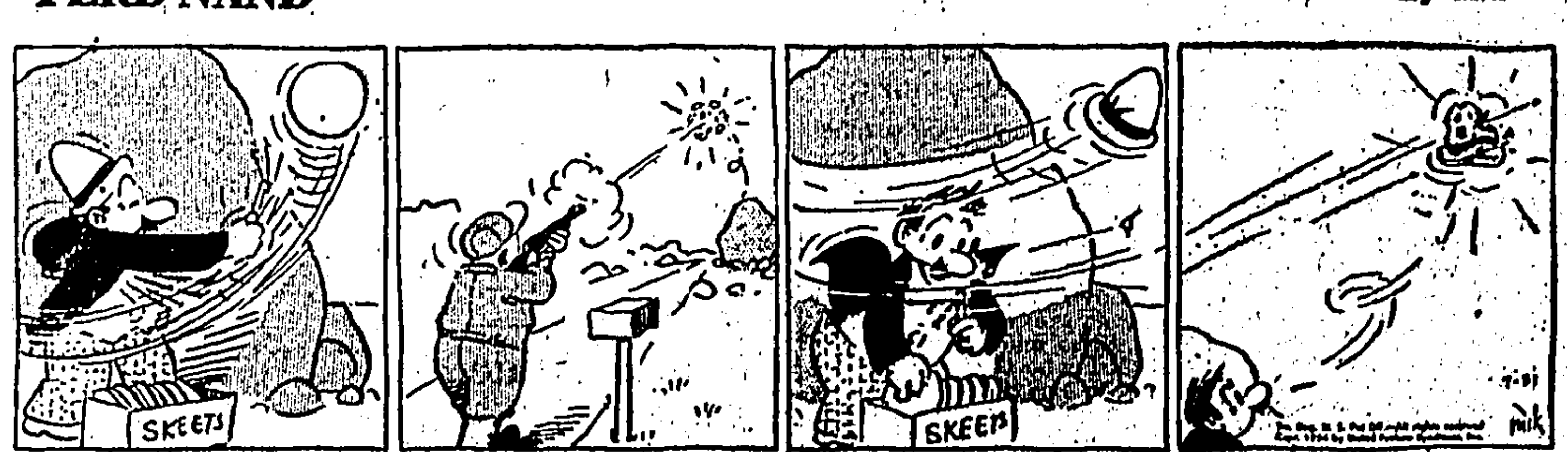
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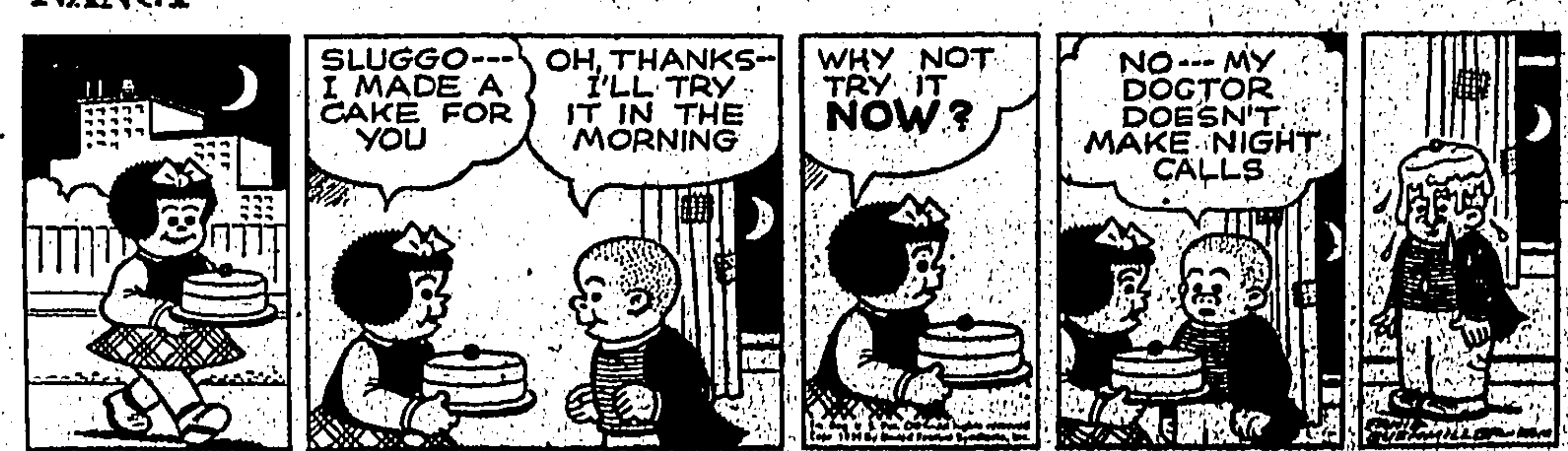
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LAMAS FROM TIBET VISIT PEKING



The religious chiefs of Tibet — the Dalai Lama and the Panchen Lama (carrying flowers) — seen walking in Peking during their recent visit to China as the officially invited delegates of the autonomous district of Tibet for the national people's meeting. They were welcomed to the city by the Chinese Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai (seen on right of picture). —Express Photo.

A Soap-Salesman Staged One Of History's Most Amazing Advertising Stunts

By DOUGLAS COBBAN

The date was Easter Monday, 1889. The scene, the shores of Lake Geneva. The cast, the washerwomen of the surrounding lakeside towns.

It was the first and last Fete des Blanchisseuses. And the stage-manager? A Swiss business genius called Lavanvich, a Christian missionary turned soap-salesman. Motely to proclaim the wonders of a new soap, he had transported the bewildered washerwomen to the fete by steamer. Hordes of enthusiastic spectators were hilariously conveyed from their seaside homes.

A wonderful banquet, free to all, ended the fete. It is still recalled as one of the most astonishing advertising stunts of all time.

From such fantastic seeds—and there were plenty planted in England, Germany, Holland and indeed, the world over—there sprang to fruition 40 years later the vast concern we know today as UNILEVER, the myriad-headed giant of the soap, margarine and kindred domains.

The names of greater wizards than Lavanvich, of course, lay behind the signing on that September 2, 1929—just a quarter century ago this month—of the agreement amalgamating the former ferocious Continental and English rivals in the oils and fats world, Schlichts of Bohemia, the Jurgens and Van den Berghs of Holland, the Lever of England; these names star-studded a thrilling story of technical inventive genius, of business acumen, bitter personal and business clashes, of international intrigues.

It is a story that concerns us all. For who does not know of soap? Who does not use soap?

Indeed, everyone feels one way or another, the effects on daily life of the approach of Big Business to questions of Capital and Labour, of scientific research; the effects of its mistakes, its crises, its gambles, its victories.

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The UNILEVER merger of 1929 was only the climax of a long series of amalgamations between businessmen which had a stake in more than soap and margarine factories. They controlled, as Unilever does now, Antarctic whaling companies, oil mills, refineries—all over the globe. Of the entire tonnage of oils and fats, finding its way into world commerce, they bought and processed more than a third. They sold the products of these oils and fats, and many other products, to customers everywhere. They employed nearly a quarter of a million people, and represented more than a hundred millions of capital.

remarkable publication, "The History of Unilever," in two volumes, extending to over 800 pages, this is not just a history of the 600 and more businesses, large and small, that have been drawn into the Unilever net. The development of the unified concern is brilliantly portrayed against the social and economic background of the past 100 years.

We are shown how the mushroom growth of new industrial towns in the latter half of the 19th Century, notably in Germany, brought from millions of margarine consumers the demand for cheap fats. We are told how English and Continental chemists worked in England as well as at home, played their part in satisfying demands for ever-better quality soap. And these demands were coming from workers whose wages for the first time allowed them the luxury of daily cleanliness.

The competitive, ever-widening search for the essential raw materials—palm oil, cotton seeds, copra groundnuts—ranged from the Solomon Islands to West Africa. And it is a tale of tragedies and triumphs. From it we learn such incidents as the fact that ivory nuts were shipped by Lever from the Solomons to Germany for the manufacture of buttons.

Modern day conflicts, such as the pressure of State interests upon private business, accentuated by the two world wars, form an important part of the story. This embraces a wide field—problems of frozen currencies, problems of what are mildly described as "strong movements" towards autocracy in certain countries.

The fears and arguments surrounding the dreaded word monopoly are plainly set forth. They are an integral part of the story. The internationalism to modern rationalization as exemplified in giant industries today. The story makes plain how such arch-individualists as Lever and the Jurgens and Van den Bergh families were forced to amalgamate their explosive energies.

But even they would find consolation in the epilogue, to the two volumes: "The Vintners' fact, in this post-war world of oils and fats remains the keenly competitive character of the trade. It is safe to say that after a century of association and amalgamation there is more than oils and fats industries to maintain full efficiency; and a better stimulus to efficiency has yet to be devised."

The reasons compelling the huge amalgamation that is Unilever are summarized as: "The pressure of powerful economic forces; the continual demand of new technological processes for capital; the risks of the raw material market; the uncertainty of the dairy produce market."

Without the concentration of capital and skill in the formation of large units, co-operation and production, it is declared, "the technical and scientific developments of the last half century would not have been possible."

Particular emphasis is laid on the changes in the principles of management forced by modern conditions upon great industrial undertakings. As the family conception of business made way for the wider corporate conception, the owner-manager was replaced by the professional manager. To this new leader the changing world outside "is scarcely less important than the business itself." He has brought beneficial changes, too, in the relationships of management and labour.

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The late Lord Leverhulme, founder of the English firm of Lever, sought throughout his life for a solution of economic and social difficulties "through enlightened management." The "History" describes this as his most important contribution to industrial progress, and his answer to those who contend that the problems of industrial and social relations can be solved through replacing private by State ownership. "The major problems of modern industry," in Leverhulme's view, arose "from the size rather than from the nature of the ownership of industry."

The lively portraits of not only Lord Leverhulme, but of the great Continental leaders who forged the structure of Unilever help to make both volumes eminently readable for a wider public than those concerned with business.

The author, Charles Wilson, Fellow of Cambridge University and a specialist in English and European history, has based his narrative on a study of the archives of all the firms concerned. His researches go back to the 17th Century. He and his collaborators had the good fortune to "stumble" (as he says) on the whole of Lord Leverhulme's business correspondence—30,000 files of up to 100 letters each! Despite such an "embarrass de richesse," Mr Wilson has maintained an objective course in a rare analysis of an individual firm's contribution to industrial and social evolution.

* ("The History of Unilever: A Study in Economic Growth and Social Change" by Charles Wilson, Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge. Two vols. Cassell and Company, Ltd., London. 45s net).

Trieste Settlement 'Much Closer'

Washington, Sept. 29. The State Department said today that Italy and Yugoslavia were "much closer to agreement" on Trieste but refused to confirm reports that the two countries actually had reached a settlement of the nine-year-old argument.

Department spokesman Lincoln White, in response to questions, said, "We feel that the parties are much closer to agreement and we hope an agreement can be reached soon."

Mr. White added that he assumed that when agreement was reached it would be along the lines of the plan which has been being discussed for some time.

Goodyear Intend To Develop A Rubber Plantation

Akron, Ohio, Sept. 29.

Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Co. announced today plans to develop a rubber plantation on an 11,000-acre site in the Brazilian jungle.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Sept. 29. Cotton prices today proved unable to hold early rising tendencies in face of increased hedge selling and realising.

Possibilities for an increase in the Government's October crop estimate, suggested by the current heavy rate of ginning, and a lull in the trade demand, acted to change market sentiment.

Initial gains up to 40 cents a bale were converted gradually into net losses, with the December delivery going through its recent resistance point at 35 1/2 cents a pound.

Interest in the world series baseball game acted to slow down interest to some extent. Others thought the market was still consolidating its position after last week's rise to seasonal highs.

Liverpool brokers were small buyers in the Dec.-March-May deliveries, supposedly to undo positions with the British market.

Trading volumes and open interest in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
Oct.	8,200	79,500
Nov.	25,900	683,200
Dec.	30,700	615,500
Jan.	30,500	582,500
Feb.	8,900	273,700
Mar.	12,500	145,600
Apr.	23,400	58,400
May	1,400	8,100
Total	161,100	2,400,700 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.50s
Oct.	35.01-02
Nov.	34.15-16
Dec.	33.44-45
Jan.	33.29-30
Feb.	32.40
Mar.	31.80
Apr.	31.20
May	30.60

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.40
Oct.	34.00
Nov.	33.15
Dec.	32.40
Jan.	31.80
Feb.	31.20
Mar.	30.60

LIVERPOOL

Cotton closing prices, American middling cotton, in pence per lb. were:

Oct./Nov.	32.76
Nov./Dec.	32.82
Dec./Jan.	32.03
Jan./Feb.	31.36
Feb./Mar.	30.67
Mar./Apr.	30.00
Apr./May	29.32
May/June	28.64
June/July	27.96
July/Aug.	27.28
Aug./Sept.	26.60
Sept./Oct.	25.92
Oct./Nov.	25.24
Nov./Dec.	24.56
Dec./Jan.	23.88
Jan./Feb.	23.20
Feb./Mar.	22.52
Mar./Apr.	21.84
Apr./May	21.16
May/June	20.48
June/July	19.80
July/Aug.	19.12
Aug./Sept.	18.44
Sept./Oct.	17.76
Oct./Nov.	17.08
Nov./Dec.	16.40
Dec./Jan.	15.72
Jan./Feb.	15.04
Feb./Mar.	14.36
Mar./Apr.	13.68
Apr./May	13.00
May/June	12.32
June/July	11.64
July/Aug.	10.96
Aug./Sept.	10.28
Sept./Oct.	9.60
Oct./Nov.	8.92
Nov./Dec.	8.24
Dec./Jan.	7.56
Jan./Feb.	6.88
Feb./Mar.	6.20
Mar./Apr.	5.52
Apr./May	4.84
May/June	4.16
June/July	3.48
July/Aug.	2.80
Aug./Sept.	2.12
Sept./Oct.	1.44
Oct./Nov.	0.76
Nov./Dec.	0.08

KARACHI

Prices of raw cotton in rupees per maund closed today as follows:

48/2 Sindh roller-ginned	75
280-FNT, Sindh, roller-ginned	73
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NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

New York, Sept. 29. Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead, September	11.15
October	11.15
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LABOUR'S NEW PLAN FOR THE COLONIES

By Fraser Wighton
Scarborough, Sept. 30.

Britain's Labour Party has decided that when it next forms a government it will act to wipe out Britain's age-old colonial system and build in its place a multi-racial Commonwealth.

What was once a mighty empire of subject races would be transformed into a new world organisation with former colonies, such as the Gold Coast and Nigeria, in equal partnership with Britain.

Delegates representing the party's six million members enthusiastically endorsed this policy at the annual conference yesterday.

Many were impatient at the thought of any delay in putting it into force. They wanted the party leaders to pledge that the next Labour Government would immediately call a round-table conference at which target dates for full self-government for the colonies would be set.

LEADERS CAUTIOUS
But the leaders, more cautious, persuaded them not to push a resolution to this effect to a vote. The executive promised to consider it.

Mr. James Griffiths, the greying Welshman who was once Colonial Secretary, put the plan to the conference for the executive with almost evangelical fervour.

But he warned that when Britain handed over power to the 50 or so colonial territories under her control, she was entitled to ensure that they would choose Democracy as their system of government.

The task of transforming the colonies thus was "big and difficult," he said, and it would be unwise and impracticable for a Labour government immediately to announce early target dates for independence.

DIFFERENT STAGES
The colonies were all at different stages of economic, social and political advancement.

Mr. Griffiths said: "We are determined that when the time has been reached and conditions made it practicable, Labour as a government, will enter into discussions with responsible leaders of the people in the colonial territories for self government."

Labour's new colonial policy statement affirms its vigorous opposition to racialism in any form and insists on the equality of respect for all men and women "regardless of race, colour or creed."

The interests of the inhabitants of each colony must be of paramount consideration.

EQUAL PARTNERS
"Our aim is a multi-racial Commonwealth in which British and the former dependent territories work together as equal partners for the benefit of all. Larger territories will

become independent states, smaller territories may form a federation.

"For scattered territories too small to stand alone arrangements will have to be worked out in agreement with their people for association with Britain in the Commonwealth."

The conference overwhelmingly rejected a resolution from the Harrow (London) local labour party calling for the withdrawal of all British troops from foreign occupation "as a first step towards self determination for all colonial people."—China Mail Special.

Rearmament

Mr Bevan's Definition Of Labour View

Scarborough, Sept. 29.
Mr. Aneurin Bevan, leader of the British Labour Party's left-wing, told a mass meeting tonight that the party was not "lined up behind the rearming of Germany."

He was referring to the narrow adoption at the Labour Party conference here yesterday of the Party Executive's resolution calling for talks with other Left Socialists parties on how best to rearm Germany.

It was carried by 3,270,000 votes to 3,022,000. Mr. Bevan's supporters opposed the resolution.

Mr. Bevan declared: "The real view of the movement is: they still want to know what the Labour government's protective safeguards are before they are behind rearming of Western Germany."

He said that the majority for arms for Germany was so small that, having regard to the party constitution, it could be said that there was a heavy majority of the party against the resolution, "it is clear."

Hard Labour Sentence Confirmed

The sentence of six months' hard labour on Kwok Kuen, alias Al Tsai, 50-year-old Chinese man of no fixed address, who was recently convicted of three counts of obtaining money by false pretences, was confirmed by Mr. Lawrence Leong, upon review at Central this morning.

Kwok was alleged to have swindled a total of \$190 on three different occasions in May this year from Fung Lai at 95 Gloucester Road, third floor, on the pretext that the money was to be used for registration, boarding, and school fees at the Diocesan Boys' School on behalf of Lau Yiu-kwan.

As grounds for the appeal for reduction of sentence, Kwok told his Worship that he had been living in Hongkong for 50 years without committing any offence. This time he was only involved by a friend, and that he had very heavy family responsibilities.

YEAR'S STUDY LOST
Rejecting the appeal, His Worship said the maximum penalty for this kind of offence was five years' imprisonment. Kwok was convicted on three charges, with a fifth charge taken into consideration.

His Worship pointed out that the offence committed was not only serious but also very clever in that he, the accused, had held up the hope of a boy going to school for nearly three months.

When the accused was released he was already too late for the boy to enter school. In other words, the boy had lost a year's study. His Worship, continuing, said: "I am sure that the boy's parents will be very disappointed."

Jane Russell Squeezes In to Dior's New "Flat-line"



Screen star Jane Russell now on a visit to Paris met dress designer Christian Dior and tried out one of his much vaunted "H" line gowns, designed to eliminate the bust-line. "I love it" said Jane — much to the pleasure of Dior. — London Express Photo.

Move To Make London Dock Dispute International Issue

London, Sept. 29.
Leaders of 8,000 ship repair workers on strike in London ports declared today that they were taking all possible steps to make the dispute an international issue.

6 MONTHS' GAOL FOR STEALING

Mr. Hin-shing Lo this morning sentenced a 36-year-old unemployed man, Wong Ling, to six months' gaol for stealing articles from the Acting Chief Justice's car.

Flooding guilty to the charge, Wong said he had to support a family, and expected to have a job within two or three days.

Asked if he had anything else to say, Wong asked, "How about acquitting me?"

Insp. J. D. Carty said, yesterday afternoon the Acting Chief Justice's driver was sleeping in his car parked at Queen's Garden, and was awakened by a slight movement. As he looked up he saw defendant taking his jacket from the car.

Chasing after the defendant, he arrested him at the junction of Albany Road and Robinson Road. The jacket, containing \$122.48 and a fountain pen, was recovered.

Ban On Import Of UK Bank Notes Relaxed

London, Sept. 30.
A slight relaxation of the ban on the import of English bank notes from abroad was announced last night by the Treasury.

From September 30, ten pound sterling notes dated before September 2, 1944—none of which is now legal tender—may be sent by post to banks in Britain for cash exchange.

About five million sterling is thought to be affected.

Under previous regulations, the import of sterling notes for ten sterling travel allowance was prohibited.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

11.30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 500 Jazz Hall Hour presented by Robin Day (Studio); 12.30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 1.30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 2.30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 3.30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 4.30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 5.30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 7.30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 8.30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 9.30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 10.30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 11.30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary.

40 Drowned In Indian Floods

Bombay, Sept. 29.
Some 40 people were reported today to have lost their lives in the flood waters that swept the Kashmir valley.

Widespread damage was also reported, especially to crops. Kashmir's US\$50,000 irrigation development scheme has been completely interrupted by the floods.

A group of Indian flood control experts has gone to Srinagar, Kashmir's capital, to advise the State Government on measures for taming the river waters.—United Press.

U.K. Prelate On East-West Trade

New York, Sept. 29.
The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, said today that trade, whether with Communists or anyone else, built up trust which was "good if it can be had without damage to fundamental principles."

The Archbishop had been asked by a reporter how he felt about British trade with Communist China. He replied: "I am not an economist but on general principles, I think the more interchange of goods the better."

Asked how he felt about trading with what a reporter called "Godless people," the Archbishop replied: "I have never known Christianity to say that you can't have anything to do with Godless people. You don't have to compromise your own beliefs."

Dr. Fisher later left New York for the liner Queen Elizabeth, ending a visit to the United States and Canada.—China Mail Special.

Daughter Testifies Against Father In Murder Trial

A small, 13-year-old Chinese girl entered the witness box at the Criminal Sessions this morning to testify against her father who was charged with the murder of his own son.

The witness, Leung Chai-lin, 13, was the daughter of the accused, Leung Hui-choi, 32, who was charged with the murder of his son, Leung Hui-choi, 13, on July 12, 1954.

The girl testified that she saw her father shoot her son in the back of the head with a revolver in the kitchen of their flat at 12, Green Lane, Hong Kong.

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the accused and the members of the family was the same as usual.

ASKED FOR MONEY.
She heard her father ask her money from her mother, and she said that for part of the money he was not working at the time.

Witness said she herself had been employed in the Venetian Hotel in Hongkong since February 1954. On July 12, she was working, and had no personal knowledge of what took place at the flat.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

THE CHEQUE MATE

CHARLES swept through the living-room of the famous actor as though it were an enemy fort that he meant to take by storm, single-handed.

Asaklonis seeing him coming, rushed to the door, taken from the door of the damper, military figure, doctored directly out of his path. Charles dashed on to one of them.

"What a weatherproof," he beamed. "Some handiwork taken from the club. Fine thing when a man can't leave his coat in his own club without someone pinching it. Place going to the dogs."

The assistant ran a mental tape measure over Charles and hurried away.

TRY THIS FOR SIZE.
"Will you try this one for size, sir?" he said, returning. Charles presently made his choice.

"Shall I send it, sir, or will you take it?" the assistant asked.

"Take it, of course, look at the weather," Charles snapped.

"That will be £17 6s. 11d, sir," the assistant said, holding out the bill.

"Got blank cheque forms here, I suppose," said Charles. "My own book was in the pocket of the coat that fellow took."

A blank cheque form was produced. Charles filled it in, making it out for £18, pocketing the change and walked off with his parcel.

ONLY THE BEST.
TWO days earlier, Charles had acquired a good coat, using the same approach. Taking the same story, signing a cheque-form. Two days later, he did the same. The name he signed on the cheque meant nothing to the banks he named on the forms.

By the time the police caught up with him, he had to ask them to take into consideration 30 offences of cheating some of the best shops, by paying for goods and services with worthless cheques.

Charles was shown into the dock at Bow Street and charged with obtaining £17 6s. 11d. worth of goods from one shop by false pretences, £9 18s. 6d. from another. He pleaded guilty.

SMALL CHANGE.
From a third he had had a coat costing £21 5s., and then there were the matters he wished to be taken into consideration.

While the details were being written down, Charles, who wore a neat brown pin-stripe suit, and an expression of exasperation, cosseted the turn-downs of his grey military moustache, and patted his thinning, well-cut hair.

"Each time he wrote out a cheque, he made it out for rather more than the amount he was paying," said the officer in charge of the case to the magistrate, Mr. J. G. Robby.

"He asked for change and kept the money, of course."

NO OCCUPATION, EVER.
"ONLY a few shillings," Charles put in indignantly, as if it were he who had been short-changed. "All the rest except these coats was food."

There, his three previous convictions, the police officer went on. They were mostly for similar crimes, and they added up to the fact that Charles had been sentenced to a total of six years' imprisonment for theft and fraud.

Seized Ship

ISRAEL'S STRONG PROTEST

New York, Sept. 29.
The Israeli delegation to the United Nations today demanded in a letter to the President of the Security Council that the 500-ton Israeli ship, Bat Galim, seized by Egypt on Tuesday be released forthwith with its crew and cargo.

At the same time, the delegation expressed "the strongest protest against this high-handed and aggressive conduct" of Egypt.

"The Government of Israel reserves its right to pursue this matter further in the Security Council in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and the resolutions of the Security Council," the letter said.

It was understood that if Egypt continued to hold the ship or did not allow it to proceed through the Suez Canal, on the way to Haifa, a total embargo would probably be imposed on a meeting of the Security Council to consider the matter, possibly by Friday or Saturday.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



Treason Charge Demanded Against Ex-Shanghai Editor

Washington, Sept. 29.
Senator William Jenner, Republican, Indiana, President of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, said today he might introduce legislation for the purpose of starting a new treason charge against John Bowring, former editor of the magazine "China Mail."

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